COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1119

Saturday, *the* *12th February 1944* / *30th Makaram 1119*

The Council met in the Council hall, Ernakulam, at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.), in the Chair.

Messrs. A. B. Salem, L. M. Pylee, V. J. Mathai, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Ephraim Ouseph, S. S. Koder, H. J. Walmsley and P. P. Devassy were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ROAD FROM MURUNGUR TO MELUR

165. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the deplorable condition of the road from Murungur to Melur;

(*b*) is it not a fact that several persons (including Hon'ble Minister) found it extremely difficult to pass through this road, on the occasion of the sad demise of the late Fourth Thampuran of Cochin, who was residing at Melur?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The condition of the road is not deplorable. The road was in a state of dis-repair.

(*b*) Some difficulty was experienced. But the occasion was on 11th Chingam 1119 and the difficulties were mostly due to the damages caused by the rains. The road is being improved.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is the Hon'ble Minister satisfied that the Road is all right now?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Personally I am not satisfied. But the difficulty is the Panchayat Department has got only very few rupees for maintenance. I am seriously thinking of transferring the whole road which is about 5 miles and three furlongs, which is beyond the scope of the Panchayat Department to the P. W. D. The question is under consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what exactly is the position of the government. It is said that personally the Hon'ble Minister is not satisfied. What is the position of the government. Is the government satisfied that the condition of the road is satisfactory?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* 'I' means government. Excuse me for saying "personally" because I was on that side.

PROSECUTION OF OFFICERS DRAWING RUPEES 40 AND ABOVE—PARTICULARS OF

166. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):*

(*a*) what is the number of prosecutions against officers drawing Rs. 40 and above per month;

(*b*) what has become of these prosecutions?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) It is not possible to give the particulars since the period is not specified.

GRIEVANCES OF VERUMPATTAM TENANTS

167. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether Government has noted the copy of the memorial presented to H. H. the Maharaja published under the caption "വെറുമ്പാട്ടക്കാരുടെ സങ്കടങ്ങൾ" on page 4 "Sahodaran" dated 18th December 1943?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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SCHEME FOR THE TRAINING OF TYPIST CLERKS

168. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have Government submitted any scheme to the Government of India for the training of Typist clerks;

(*b*) are pensioned teachers included in the scheme among the teaching staff;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative why they are included when there are qualified hands in the Government services?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Arrangements have been made for the training of typist clerks for the Army at the Civmil Centre, Trichur.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*b*).

ARTICLE IN THE "SAHODARAN"

169. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the article by "ഒരു അനുഭവശാലി" (one who has experience) under the caption "കണ്ട്രോൾ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയ്ക്ക്" (for the attention of the Control Department) on page 4 of the "Sahodaran", dated 6th Thulam 1119;

(*b*) if so, whether they have done anything to remove the difficulties pointed out in that article;

(*c*) if so, what are the steps taken?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) Steps are being taken to publish a consolidated list of all controlled articles together with the price of such articles. It is not true to say that subordinate officers are ignorant of rules. They are given instructions from time to time by their Departmental Heads.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government are aware that some of the Excise Peons who are posted on the borders of the State in Excise Posts unnecessarily harass people by telling that the export of a certain article is controlled, when actually such article is not controlled?. Will the Government be pleased to give them a list of controlled articles in Malayalam?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is proposed to give such a consolidated list of controlled articles in Malayalam.

ACTUAL COST OF ONE PARA OF RICE—DETAILS REGARDING

170. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the quantity of paddy required for *one para* of rice according to the Departmental rules;

(*b*) the actual turn out they get now from the mills;

(*c*) the cost actually incurred per para at the mills by Government, *i.e.*, price of paddy, conveyance charges and the cost of milling;

(*d*) the actual sale price per para of rice?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* (*a*) There is no definite rule in the matter. Two paras are taken as the quantity of paddy generally required to get one para of rice after milling.

(*b*) Varies according to the variety and quality of paddy milled. It is generally $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ paras of rice for 10 paras of paddy.

(*c*) Varies according to the nature of the locality and the distance which paddy has to be taken to the mills. In regard to price of paddy see notification, dated 9th September 1943, published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the same date. Milling charges now come to 12 annas per 10 paras. Conveyance charges vary in different taluks according to local conditions.

(*d*) See notification, dated 9th September 1943, published in the Extraordinary Gazette theofsame date.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukava):* With reference toanswer (*d*) may I know whether the price of paddy will be uniform in all the places? The Gazette Extraordinary says that the prices are the same.

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